



Friends of Barnet Environment Centre CIO
Charity no. 1165515

Annual Report: September 2021 - August 2022

The aim of the Friends of Barnet Environment Centre is to advance the education of school age children and of the public in natural history and nature conservation, welcoming a wide diversity of visitors and enabling them to gain a positive attitude, lasting interest in and an appreciation of the natural environment. We also aim to maintain and develop the ecological and educational value of the Byng Road nature reserve in Barnet.

2021/2022 has been an extremely busy year. Our educational work has 'taken off' again and we have welcomed about 1400 school age children to the site to carry out National curriculum, GCSE, BTEC and A Level work. We were fully booked for the summer term 2022 and we already have bookings for summer term 2023 as well as for Autumn 2022. We appointed Charlotte Ellinas as our new Environmental Education Manager in March to teach on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while Robyn Stern covered Thursdays. We were also very fortunate to engage the services of Mel Goodwin, a recently retired teacher, to cover any days Charlotte and Robyn were unable to manage. Following a plea locally for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing up on teaching days, we have welcomed several new volunteers to this team and we would like to thank all of them for their hard work-

As usual, our excellent volunteers have kept the Nature Reserve safe and looking good for all our visitors and several major projects have been completed. Our Monday afternoon volunteer working party continued throughout the pandemic and we have recently re-started our first Sunday of the month working party and we continued with our occasional Make A Difference Days, so the Reserve has been kept tidy and in very good condition. The new chestnut fence has been put in along the south path beside the meadow, work has started on the area immediately north of the service yard and work has also started on the covered workshop; the large water butt has been in place for some months now and has proved invaluable for replenishing the teaching ponds. The Tree Trail is now complete and was widely used at our July Open Afternoon. A raised bed has been set up by the pollinator patch and this is part of the Sensory Trail. The attenuation ponds have been drained but we are waiting for permission from LBB to fill them in and plant the small orchard and flower meadow.

We held a very successful Open Day in July, with tours of the new Tree Trail, activities for children and teas and cakes. Over 200 people attended and our series of 'mini Open Afternoons' attracted a further 150 visitors. We held Open House in September 2021 and June 2022; over 300 people looked around the site and many leaflets were distributed. So, all in all, there has been the start of a good recovery but, as ever, we are not 'resting on our laurels' and the next year is likely to be at least as busy as this one. Keep an eye on our website, including an Autumn Open Afternoon, half term activities for children and our ever popular Quiz evening in early February, 2023. We look forward to seeing members of our local community at some of these activities and thank them for continued support.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted Education Projects	Year ended 31/03/2022	Year ended 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
The Hadley Trust		10,000	10,000	10,000
School visits Centre-led	5,340		5,340	72
Memberships	1,066		1,066	690
Events/Fundraising	153		153	-
Donations	3,459		3,459	301
Gift Aid	196		196	132
Interest in savings acc	6		6	11
Compensation NatWest	440		440	-
	10,660	10,000	20,660	11,206
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance		408	408	351
Reserve maintenance	1,918		1,918	723
Building maintenance	35		35	-
Licence & Service fee		584	584	2,201
Office, photocopying & printing	70		70	46
Vol. support & training	223		223	27
Events/Fundraising	-		-	-
Misc., publicity, IT, bank fee	259		259	65
Environmental Education		2,729	2,729	8,400
Classroom supplies		61	61	170
Phone for school bookings		-	-	30
School refund		-	-	495
Total expenditure	2,505	3,782	6,287	12,508
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	8,155	6,218	14,373	(1,302)

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash float	21	21
CAF main bank account	21,795	19,929
CAF savings bank account	38,084	25,578
Funds transfer: £12,500 from main account to savings account		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>59,900</u></u>	<u><u>45,528</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2021	45,528	46,830
Net surplus for the period to 31 March 2022	<u>14,372</u>	<u>(1,302)</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>59,900</u></u>	<u><u>45,528</u></u>
 Note 1: Analysis of funds	 Unrestricted	 Restricted
		Total
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	47,248	(1,720)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year to 31 March 2022	8,155	6,218
 Balance carried forward to 1 April 2022	<u><u>55,403</u></u>	<u><u>4,498</u></u>
		<u><u>59,900</u></u>

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Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement: My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.


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31 JULY 2022